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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: H. Tran
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: Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: 10/633,521)
: Filed: August 5, 2003)
: For: OPTICAL SCANNING)
: DEVICE AND IMAGE)
: FORMING APPARATUS)
: USING THE SAME : March 28, 2005

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2005, which imposed a requirement to elect between allegedly distinct species of the invention.

In response, Applicants elect the first embodiment of the invention, Species (i), upon which Claims 1 to 15 read. The election is made without traverse.

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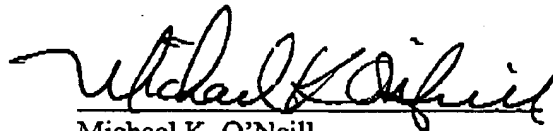
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It is noted that the Office Action apparently contains a few errors. For example, the Office Action lists Fig. 20 as part of the third embodiment, whereas the specification states that Fig. 20 illustrates a conventional device. The foregoing election is made in keeping with the clear intent of the Office Action, and should not be viewed as an affirmation of errors in the Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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